

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CALVERSTOWN**  
County : **KILDARE**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 17-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16
Landscaping	40	25
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	28
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>177</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Welcome to the new format of the 1996 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your detailed questionnaire and map which were very helpful during the course of adjudication. The adjudicators noted quite a good effort this year.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

It is very good to see extensive tree planting of Oak and Ash etc. at the open space adjacent to the stream. It was nice to see the stream itself litter free and with nice patio area. There is potential for more nature conservation. A good starting point would be to identify wildlife habitats in your catchment area and see what type of birds, animals and fish etc. these attract. You could invite local environmental experts and groups to advise you and provide you with specialist information you require. The adjudicators look forward to projects under this heading within your five year work programme.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Generally, the village of Calverstown was well presented. It is nice to see the Well area on the approach road from the north properly maintained again this year, with grassed area cut around it. Within the village, the green was beautifully presented. The presentation of the stream area was also an improvement this year with flower tubs etc. creating a very nice impression, and flower boxes on the wall - if these were located on top of the wall it might give a better impression as they are somewhat hidden. It was also nice to note the improved landscaping and tree planting on the approach road from the Carlow road.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Premises were well presented again this year. Hickeys was freshly painted with nice use of flowers - unfortunately, the diesel pump area takes a bit from the overall appearance. The adjudicators were alerted to a potentially very attractive courtyard building opposite Hickeys and look forward to improvements in this in the coming years. The Post Office again was beautifully presented and it has been put forward by the adjudicators under the Post Office Award over a number of years. The farm and entrance was very well presented with nice shrubbery and planting outside.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was very good. There was no litter in evidence throughout the village this year, well done.

### **TIDINESS**

The overall appearance of the village was one of neatness and tidiness, with litter and weed control well taken care of. Perhaps the telephone kiosk could be upgraded or improved.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Good effort was noted with the yellow bungalow together with the premises next to it in maintaining the frontage onto the main roads. Also, the Calverstown House should be very nice once completed, good luck in this regard, it really is a very attractive building. At Lee Drive an excellent presentation was noted again this year, particularly to the front and to one of the premises at the right hand side of the front of this park. At the rear, it was generally tidy - try to fix the seat and clear the weeds from the seating area where paving is located. The grass was generally well maintained. Also, the new development is noted and try to ensure that there is adequate open space incorporated into this park with sympathetic planting.

## ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

On the approach road from Narraghmore, the hedge had been nicely cut but the grassed area could have been better maintained. Approaching Calverstown from Kilcullen, the grass verges were again okay but could have been cut in parts. Try to repair the walls as a long term project - include in your five year work programme. Tree and flower planting were noted, well done in this regard. On the Carlow approach road, it was excellent, it was nice to see new stud fencing with re-seeding on the right hand side grass verge with new trees and planting noted. On the approach road from Athy, generally a neat presentation, with nice shrubbery noted at the farm entrance. The main road through the village was also well presented.

## GENERAL IMPRESSION

The efforts of the Tidy Towns Committee, together with the residents and business interests in the presentation of Calverstown are to be commended this year as there was a very good impression left with the adjudicators. Try to encourage more residential premises to adopt a spot where their premises front out onto the main road. The problem with the semi-derelict premises is noted. Calverstown is a very small village, and while the adjudicators recognise that this may result in a low level of man power and projects it may also mean that you should be able to make improvements to a faster extent than a larger village. Good luck in 1997.